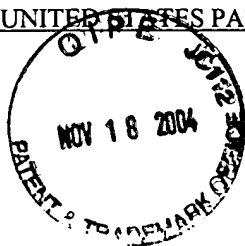


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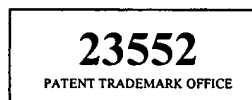
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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Request for Reconsideration
- ☒ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$110.00 for Terminal Disclaimer
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2004, Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed the Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2004. In response, Applicants have submitted a new Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.


In Applicants previous response, Applicants submitted a Terminal Disclaimer that inadvertently did not reference the interest of Applicants in the presently pending patent application. This was an oversight. Applicants have submitted a new Terminal Disclaimer, which is believed to be in correct legal form and address the deficiencies of the previous Terminal Disclaimer.

It is believed that everything is now in order. Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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